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SUBJ: ECOSOC COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: US PROPOSAL
FOR CREATION OF STUDY GROUP

REF: GENEVA 509

1. THE DELEGATION OF THE NETHERLANDS, BASED ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE HAGUE, HAS REQUESTED CHANGES IN PARAGRAPH 1, (A), (B) AND (C) OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION TRANSMITTED REFTEL. THE DUTCH DELEGATION STATED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS CONCERNED THAT THE RESOLUTION IMPLIED CRITICISM OR ATTEMPTED TO SET UP A GROUP IN COMPETITION WITH THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING. THEY THEREFORE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH TO REPLACE EXISTING PARAGRAPH 1, (A), (B) AND (C).

"1. RECOMMENDS THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL SHOULD APPOINT A SMALL WORKING GROUP COMPOSED OF EXPERTS IN THE SOCIAL FIELD FROM STATES MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION THAT WOULD:

(A) STUDY THE ATTENTION SO FAR ACCORDED TO THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECTOR IN THE UN.

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(B) INDICATE AREAS WHERE ACTIVITIES OF THE UN WITH RESPECT TO THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECTOR CAN BE IMPROVED.

(C) FORMULATE RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WILL ENSURE CONTINUED HIGH PRIORITY TO THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECTOR."

2. THE DUTCH WOULD ALSO ADD A NEW PARAGRAPH, PARAGRAPH 3, AS FOLLOWS:

"RECOMMENDS FURTHER THAT THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL CONSIDER TRANSMITTING THIS REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE IDS."

3. WE SEE NO PROBLEM WITH MAKING THE CHANGES SUGGESTED BY THE NETHERLANDS. DEPT COMMENT REQUESTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. THE FOLLOWING HAVE AGREED, BASED ON THE TEXT SUBMITTED IN GENEVA 509, TO ACT AS CO-SPONSORS: FINLAND, EGYPT, INDONESIA, ZAIRE, LESOTHO, ITALY, SIERRA LEONE. WE DO NOT FORESEE ANY PROBLEM IN GAINING ACCEPTANCE OF THE NETHERLANDS' AMENDMENTS FROM THE CO-SPONSORS.CATTO

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